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**To the Chairman and Members of the
Sunderland Rural District Council.**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1966, of the Health and Sanitary conditions of your district, together with the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. M.B.H. Churchill. I further submit with some regret, that this will be my last report regarding the Rural District prior to its amalgamation with Sunderland County Borough on 1st April, 1967. Due to the fact that this report had to be prepared and submitted at an early date because of the amalgamation, some of the information normally included in the report annually are not to hand yet and I request your forbearance.

I once again express my gratitude and sincere thanks to you for your continued help and also wish to express my appreciation of the co-operation of the members of the staff. I particularly wish to thank the staff in the Health Department for their help during my short term of office.

I further wish to thank the General Practitioners, Hospital Consultants and the Public Health Laboratory and the Press for their co-operation during the year.

P. A. Y. NARAYANAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department.

STATISTICS

| | |
|--|----------|
| Area (in acres) | 6,734 |
| Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-1966 | 30,160 |
| Number of inhabited houses at 31st December, 1966 | 10,098 |
| Rateable Value | £721,043 |
| Sum represented by penny rate | £2,874 |

Births and Birth Rate.

The nett number of births in the district was 599.

The sex and legitimacy classificatin is:-

LIVE BIRTHS:

| | M | F | Total |
|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Legitimate ... | 281 | 304 | 585 |
| Otherwise ... | 8 | 6 | 14 |

The birth-rate per thousand of the estimated population is 19.9 an increase over the previous year (18.5).

The Comparability Factor, issued in order to determine a more accurate birth-rate, is for the year 1966, 0.93 therefore the Corrected Birth-rate calculated therefrom is 18.5.

STILL BIRTHS:

| | M | F | Total |
|----------------|---|---|-------|
| Legitimate ... | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Otherwise ... | - | - | - |

The Still Birth-rate per 1,000 live and still births is 13.4.

Infantile Mortality

| | | |
|---|-------|--------|
| Infant Deaths | 9 | (11) |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - total | 15.02 | (19.8) |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - Legitimate | 13.35 | (18.1) |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - Otherwise | 1.7 | (1.8) |

1965 figures in brackets.

| | | |
|--|-------|--------|
| Neo-Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births | 15.02 | (16.2) |
| Other live births per cent of total live births | 2.3 | (3.4) |
| Maternal deaths (including abortion) ... | Nil | (Nil) |
| Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births | Nil | (Nil) |

Deaths and Death Rate

The total number of deaths in the district during 1966 (corrected for inward and outward transfers, and including deaths from all causes and at all ages) was 330 viz., 175 males and 155 females. The recorded death-rate being 10.9 per thousand of the estimated population.

The Comparability Factor for deaths is 1.01 and the Corrected Death-rate calculated therefrom is 11.05 per thousand of the estimated population.

The following table shows the variation in the birth and death-rates and estimated population during the preceding four years as compared with 1966:-

| YEAR | POPULATION | BIRTH RATE | DEATH RATE |
|------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sunderland R. D. | | | |
| 1962 | 28, 450 | 19.2a | 14.1a |
| 1963 | 28, 850 | 15.9a | 15.7a |
| 1964 | 29, 300 | 18.9a | 14.3a |
| 1965 | 29, 810 | 17.2a | 12.1a |
| 1966 | 30, 160 | 18.5a | 11.05a |

a - Corrected Birth and Death Rates.

Causes of Death in the Sunderland Rural District During 1966.

The following table shows in detail the number of deaths, male and female, and the causes of death in the district during the year, which, compared with the table for the preceding year, shows slight change in the number and causes of death.

| CAUSE OF DEATH | Male | Female | Total |
|---|------|--------|-------|
| Tuberculosis (respiratory) | 3 | - | 3 |
| Syphilitic Disease | 2 | - | 2 |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | - | 1 | 1 |
| Cancer (stomach) | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Cancer (Lungs and bronchus).. .. | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 18 | 9 | 27 |
| Leukaemia, Aleukaemia | 1 | - | 1 |
| Diabetes | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 21 | 30 | 51 |
| Coronary disease, Angina | 38 | 39 | 77 |
| Hypertension with Heart Disease .. | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other heart disease | 7 | 13 | 20 |
| Other circulatory disease | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| Pneumonia | 17 | 13 | 30 |
| Bronchitis | 18 | 6 | 24 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Ulcer of stomach and Duodenum .. | 2 | - | 2 |
| Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | 3 | - | 3 |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | 1 | - | 1 |
| Congenital Malformations | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 8 | 14 | 22 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| All other accidents | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| Suicide | 1 | - | 1 |
| Totals .. | 175 | 155 | 330 |

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations are now undertaken by the Public Health Laboratory at the Infections Diseases Hospital, Hylton Road, Sunderland, under the direction of Dr. P.B. Crone, M.D., Dip., Bact., Copies of all reports were received by me, for which I am grateful to Dr. Crone.

Water Supply

As before, the district was supplied by the Sunderland and South Shields Water Company. Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the owners; the examinations being necessary in case any water-borne disease had been brought into the district.

The whole area (apart from some scattered farms) is now provided with a piped water supply.

Conferences and Courses

During the year I was given the opportunity of attending the annual conference of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene which was held at Scarborough. The conference was most interesting and instructive.

Medical Examinations

During the year 16 workmen and four members of the staff were medically examined prior to inclusion in the Council's Sickness Scheme.

Infectious Diseases

The appended Table sets out in detail the notifications of infectious disease during the year 1966, together with the ages at which the disease occurred and the incidence in each of the respective parishes: the number of cases treated at infectious diseases hospitals is also shown.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE DURING THE YEAR 1966 TOGETHER WITH THE AGES AT WHICH THE DISEASE OCCURRED AND THE INCIDENCE IN EACH OF THE RESPECTIVE PARISHES

| DISEASE. | At all ages. | NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED | | | | | | | | | | PARISHES | | | | | | | | No. of cases removed to hospital. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------|-------------|--------|----------|--------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| | | 0 - 1 years | 1 - 2 years | 2 - 3 years | 3 - 4 years | 4 - 5 years | 5 - 9 years | 10 - 14 years | 15 - 24 years | 25 - 44 years | 45 - 64 years | 65 & over. | Ford | Herringtons | Hylton | Offerton | Ryhope | Silksworth | Tunstall | |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 17 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | - | 6 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Scarlet Fever .. | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Whooping Cough.. | 71 | 5 | 13 | 13 | 19 | 7 | 14 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 67 | - | - | 1 | 3 | - |
| Measles .. | 505 | 24 | 69 | 100 | 78 | 87 | 146 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 42 | 90 | - | 143 | 31 | 127 | - |
| Pneumonia.. | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia .. | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Meningococcal Meningitis .. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dysentery .. | 30 | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 6 | - | - | 5 | 4 | 10 | - | - | 2 | - | 16 | - | 6 | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis.. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Erysipelas .. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Food Poisoning.. | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| TOTALS | 632 | 31 | 83 | 116 | 97 | 94 | 167 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 44 | 87 | 164 | - | 165 | 34 | 138 | 2 |

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

During the year, 632 cases of infectious disease, including all forms of Tuberculosis, were notified as compared with 138 cases of the previous year and 667 cases for 1964.

Scarlet Fever

There were 2 notifications of scarlet fever throughout the year.

Diphtheria

There were no notifications of diphtheria throughout the year.

The number of children immunised against diphtheria during 1966 was 526.

Poliomyelitis

No cases of poliomyelitis were notified during the year.

The number of immunisations against poliomyelitis during 1966 was 312. (Number of children given polio vaccine in schools and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics is not available.)

Measles

Cases of measles notified during 1966 amounted to 505.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH TETANUS AND SMALL POX

| YEAR OF BIRTH | PRIMARY IMMUNISATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | Total |
| Diphtheria | - | - | 49 | 93 | 103 | 99 | 86 | 32 | 4 | 7 | 24 | 204 | 131 | 130 | 153 | 1115 |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 21 | 179 | 122 | 124 | 152 | 622 |
| Tetanus | - | - | 48 | 93 | 103 | 98 | 86 | 34 | 5 | 7 | 24 | 204 | 131 | 130 | 153 | 1116 |

| BOOSTERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | 1956 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 | Total |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 84 | 146 | 92 | 130 | 132 | 97 | 5 | 3 | 21 | 6 | - | - | - | 718 |
| - | - | - | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 52 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 5 | - | - | - | 102 |
| 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 33 | 45 | 73 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 6 | - | - | - | - | 210 |

| | SMALLPOX | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|------|-------|--|----------------|--------------|------|-------|
| | PRIMARY VACCINATION | | | | | | | RE-VACCINATION | | | |
| Age Group | Under 1 | 1 yr. | 2 - 4 Years | 5 - 14 Years | 15 + | Total | | 2 - 4 Years | 5 - 14 Years | 15 + | Total |
| Totals | 34 | 185 | 38 | 29 | 26 | 312 | | 2 | 13 | 90 | 105 |

TUBERCULOSIS

| Age Periods | NEW CASES | | | | DEATHS | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|-------------------|-----|-----------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| | Pulmonary | | Non- Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non- Pulmonary | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 0 - 1 yr. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 - 4 yrs. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 5 - 9 yrs. | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 10 - 14 yrs. | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 15 - 24 yrs. | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 25 - 34 yrs. | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 35 - 44 yrs. | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 45 - 64 yrs. | 6 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 65 & over | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| Totals | 9 | 8 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... |

It has not been necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, in relation to persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade.

No action has been taken under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936, which relates to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis.

Disinfection of Premises

Disinfection of premises and bedding has been carried out by your staff on the removal of cases of infectious disease, and on the termination of the period of isolation if the patient was isolated at home. Disinfections were also carried out at houses where death or removal of a person suffering from Tuberculosis had occurred.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

M. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my 27th Annual Report upon the work of the Environmental Hygiene and Public Cleansing Section of the Health Department.

Nothing sensational can be claimed to have been achieved, but it has been a year of steady progress, in fact, this has been the theme throughout and excellent results have been attained in the administration of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963. All premises in the area have been registered and almost all of the initial contraventions have been remedied.

Routine duties in connection with Public Cleansing, Meat and Food Inspection, Housing and Food Hygiene have been steadily maintained. Details of the progress made with these and other aspects of the work of the department are shown in the main body of the report.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, other officers of the Council, the staff of the Health Department and workmen of the Cleansing staff, without whose help and willing co-operation the work accomplished in the department during the year would have been much more arduous.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

MATTHEW B.H. CHURCHILL,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

PUBLIC CLEANSING - COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE REFUSE

Refuse Collection

Regular weekly collections of house refuse were again maintained throughout the year in the whole of the Council's area. Although there were some spells of rather severe weather, climatic conditions were, on the whole, reasonable and never at any time threatened to be a real menace to the regularity of the collection service. The only anxiety so far as collections were concerned arose more from the inability to find suitable replacement labour as and when the occasion demanded.

Each year it is more difficult to secure suitable labour for this type of work, and it was again found necessary to employ men whose place of residence is outside the administrative area of the Council. The total number of days lost due to sickness was 507.

In July, delivery was taken of yet another 50 cubic yard Pakamatic vehicle, which, in effect, means that during the year 1966, three 50 cubic yard Pakamatic continuous leading vehicles, each powered with a diesel engine, were regularly employed in carrying out the work of collecting house refuse in the district. One Karrier 18 cubic yard capacity dual-tip vehicle was used as a spare when required. The staff engaged upon refuse collection work consisted of three drivers and sixteen loaders.

All premises within the Council's area were provided with a weekly collection of house refuse.

During the year, 544276 dustbins holding an estimated weight of 7615 tons of refuse were dealt with, representing a weekly collection and disposal of 146½ tons.

It has been the custom to give detailed annual costs of this service, but this year the report will have to be completed before the final costs are known, and I regret

to have to mention that the details of the actual annual cost of the service will have to be omitted.

Refuse Disposal

The refuse from the parishes of Ryhope, Silksworth, Tunstall, Herrington, Ford and Offerton, and a portion of Castletown, continues to be disposed of on a central site situated at William Cooper's Quarry, Ryhope, this site was previously owned by John Burdon & Son.

The remainder of the refuse from the Castletown area was disposed of at the Fulwell Refuse Tip by arrangement with the Sunderland County Borough, to whom the Council pay approximately £100 per year for this privilege.

A Bristol P.D. 44 Crawler Tractor, fitted with an angle dozer blade is used on the refuse tip at Ryhope to level and consolidate the refuse, and this it does most efficiently. The machine is housed in a small portable garage erected on the site.

Salvage

Bearing in mind the considerable amount of waste paper potential available within the Council's area, the amount actually collected and consigned to the paper mills is very disappointing.

The sole reason for the poor waste paper return has been largely due to the apathy of the refuse collectors, and this is really surprising when one considers the extremely generous bonus scheme operated by the Council. In this scheme, all revenue received in excess of the target figure of 12 tons per month, is shared on the basis of one-third to the Council and two-thirds to the collectors.

During the year, the amount of bonus paid to the collectors in respect of waste paper was only £24. 9s. 4d.

The following table shows the amount of waste paper collected and consigned each month and the corresponding revenue received.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS, 1966-67

| Month | | | Quantity in Tons Cwts. Qrs | | | Amount £ s. d. | | |
|--------------|------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|----|-------------------|-----|-----|
| April | 1966 | ... | 22. | 18. | 1. | 214. | 2. | 3. |
| May | " | ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| June | " | ... | 14. | 5. | 2. | 136. | 10. | 4. |
| July | " | ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| August) | " | ... | 10. | 11. | 0. | 102. | 14. | 7. |
| September) | " | ... | 13. | 18. | 3. | 132. | 14. | 9. |
| October | " | ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| November | " | ... | 16. | 19. | 3. | 163. | 14. | 11. |
| December | " | ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| January | 1967 | ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| February | " | ... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| March | " | ... | 18. | 12. | 2. | 172. | 6. | 2. |
| Total Amount | | | 97. | 5. | 3. | 922. | 3. | 0. |

Health Inspection of the Area

The appended summary "TABLE A" sets out the number and nature of inspections made as to nuisances and defects, contraventions of bye-laws and regulations, drainage, factories and food premises, during the year, together with the number of notices served for remedial measures.

Closet Accommodation

The total number of privies, pail closets and chemical closets existing in the district at the end of the

year was 35, as detailed herewith.

The number is comparatively small and in each case situated in areas not served by a public sewer.

| District in which situated | Type of Closet | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------|----------|
| | Privy | Pail | Chemical |
| HYLTON | | | |
| Farms and Cottages ... | 5 | - | 1 |
| OFFERTON & COXGREEN | | | |
| Farms and Cottages ... | - | - | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | 4 | 1 | - |
| SILKSWORTH | | | |
| Farms and Cottages ... | 10 | - | - |
| Village School | - | - | 7 |
| Hall Lodge and Cottages | 2 | - | 3 |
| TUNSTALL | | | |
| Middle Farm | 1 | - | - |
| Totals | 22 | 1 | 12 |

Complaints Received

During the year 1966, 1,619 complaints or requests were received and attended to relating to matters briefly summarised as follows:-

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Verminous and dirty premises | ... | ... | 47 |
| Choked drains | ... | ... | 259 |
| Water supply (defective fittings)... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Defective drains | ... | ... | 2 |
| Drain tests | ... | ... | 185 |
| Defective waste pipes | ... | ... | 3 |
| Defective W.C.'s, Privies, etc. | ... | ... | 5 |
| Defective dustbins | ... | ... | 598 |
| General Housing Defects | ... | ... | 47 |
| Overcrowding | ... | ... | 1 |
| Rodent infestation (including mice) | ... | ... | 205 |
| Offensive smells | ... | ... | 11 |
| Requests to remove refuse... | ... | ... | 39 |
| Houses and bedding to disinfect | ... | ... | - |
| Offensive accumulations | ... | ... | 3 |
| Requests to inspect food | ... | ... | 31 |
| Drain inspections... | ... | ... | 165 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 10 |
| Contraries in food | ... | ... | 3 |

1,619

**TABLE A - SUMMARY - PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S
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INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES SERVED, 1966**

| | No. of inspections during the year. | No. of defects or con- traventions of Byelaws | No. of Informal Notices served. | Defects remedied thereafter | No. of Statutory Notices served | Defects remedied thereafter | Legal Proceedings |
|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| HOUSING- | | | | | | | |
| Structural Defects) | | 21 | 21 | 5 | 13 | 11 | - |
| Defective Foodstore) | 204 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Dampness .. ::) | | 18 | 18 | 2 | 13 | 11 | - |
| Overcrowding.. :: | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| NUISANCES- | | | | | | | |
| Dirty or verminous premises | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | - | - | - |
| Choked drains. .. | 259 | 259 | 259 | 258 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Various | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | - | - | - |
| Offensive Accumula- tions | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | - | - | - |
| WATER SUPPLY- | | | | | | | |
| Insufficient (defec- tive fittings).. | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Unsatisfactory .. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| DRAINAGE- | | | | | | | |
| Insufficient .. | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Defective | 8 | 5 | 5 | 5 | - | - | - |
| New drains testing etc | 185 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| New drains provided | 5570 | yards | of 4" | drain | | | |
| SANITARY CONVENIENCES- | | | | | | | |
| Insufficient.. .. | 10 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 6 | - |
| Insanitary ashpits, and dustbins .. | 577 | 577 | 577 | 573 | 4 | 4 | - |
| New W.C. basins .. | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | - | - | - |
| Shops and Stores.. | 321 | 7 | 7 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Dairies & Milkshops | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Slaughterhouses .. | 209 | 11 | 11 | 11 | - | - | - |
| Offensive Trades.. | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fruit Store | 53 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Food Manufacturing Premises | 134 | 8 | 8 | 8 | - | - | - |
| Bakehouses | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Snack Bars | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Factories | 70 | 5 | 5 | 5 | - | - | - |
| Fried Fish Shops .. | 43 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Wet Fish Shops .. | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ice-cream Premises | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Canteens | 20 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Licensed Premises | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rat Infestations.. | 341 | 205 | 205 | 205 | - | - | - |
| | 2586 | 1225 | 1225 | 1178 | 41 | 37 | - |

The following summary shows the main type of work done or improvements effected as a result of inspections made and subsequent action taken:-

SUMMARY OF WORKS EFFECTED, 1966

Housing Defects

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|----|
| Repairs to roofs and spouts .. | ... | ... | 12 |
| " walls and pointing.. | ... | ... | 11 |
| " chimneys, firegrates and ovens | ... | ... | 5 |
| " window and sash cords | ... | ... | 3 |
| " floors, doors, stairs and woodwork.. | ... | ... | 8 |
| " wall and ceiling plaster | ... | ... | 3 |
| " yards and outhouses. | ... | ... | 3 |
| " food stores | ... | ... | 1 |
| Dampness remedied | ... | ... | 17 |

Nuisances

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dirty and verminous premises cleansed and disinfected | ... | ... | ... | 47 |
| Obstructed drains cleared | ... | ... | ... | 259 |
| Accumulations removed .. | ... | ... | ... | 14 |

Water Supply

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|----|
| Burst pipes and defective taps repaired | ... | ... | 4 |
| Separate internal supplies provided | ... | ... | 18 |

Drainage

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Wash-up sinks provided | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Defective drains repaired | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Sink waste pipes repaired | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Yards paved or repaired | ... | ... | ... | 4 |

Sanitary Conveniences

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Privy ashpits abolished | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Water closets provided | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Water closets repaired.. | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Privies repaired | ... | ... | ... | - |
| Dustbins provided | ... | ... | ... | 577 |

Public Conveniences

Routine inspections have been made during the year to all public conveniences in the district, with a view to ascertaining the existance of nuisances which may arise from time to time. The conveniences are washed out and cleansed each day (including Sundays) by workmen on the staff of the Health Department.

Factories

The following tables in the form required by the Home Office show the inspections made to factories with mechanical power, factories without mechanical power, and other premises, together with defects found and remedied during the year.

1. INSPECTION FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

| PREMISES (1) | NUMBER OF | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Inspections (2) | Written Notices (3) | Occupiers Prosecuted (4) |
| FACTORIES with mechanical power | 62 | 5 | - |
| FACTORIES without mechanical power ... | - | - | - |
| OTHER PREMISES under the Act including works buildings and engineering construction but not in- cluding outworkers premises | 8 | - | - |
| TOTAL ... | 70 | 5 | - |

2. DEFECTS FOUND

| PARTICULARS (1) | NUMBER OF DEFECTS | | | Number of defects in respect of which prosecutions were instituted. (5) |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| | Found (2) | Rem- edied (3) | Referred to H.M. Inspector (4) | |
| Want of Cleanliness (S.1) | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) ... | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable Temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate Ventilation (S.4) | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)... .. | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | |
| Insufficient... .. | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Unsuitable or defective | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS ... | 5 | 5 | - | - |

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

There is a Council-owned licensed caravan site in the area occupied by 10 caravans, and there are a number of other isolated caravans occupied, each having either "existing user rights" under the Act, or are occupied for short periods of the year by members of the Showmen's Guild.

Clean Air Act, 1936

No action has yet been taken in so far as promoting smoke control areas within the district, but eighteen visits were made in the small number of boiler house

installations in the area, for the purpose of ensuring that reasonable steps were being taken to prevent the emission of dark smoke. No complaints were received in the department concerning the emission of dark smoke.

Swimming Baths

There are no swimming baths in the district.

Eradication of Bugs and Cockroaches

During the year, 47 premises were treated with insecticides in order to get rid of bugs and cockroaches. The occupiers themselves are made responsible for "stripping" the walls and the owners required to remove skirtings, door moulds, etc., when necessary. The appropriate rooms are then treated with the necessary insecticide.

Drainage

The arrangement, inspection and testing of all drainage systems is the responsibility of the department and every effort is made to ensure that the principles of good drainage are adhered to, and the work involved is done satisfactorily.

Private housing development in the district attained a fairly high level during the year and this together with the Council's direct labour schemes of house building, plus the improvements effected in existing houses under the Improvement Grant legislation, resulted in a considerable amount of time having to be spent upon this aspect of the work of the department.

Various contractors and other interested persons were frequently met on the respective sites for the purpose of arranging and inspecting drainage lay-outs. During the year, 165 visits were made in respect of this

work.

In addition, 5,570 yards of 4 ins. drain were tested, involving some 185 visits.

Animal Boarding Establishments, 1963

One application was received for a licence to keep a boarding establishment for animals under the above legislation. This was granted after an inspection of the premises had been made to ensure that they were satisfactory and measured up to the standard laid down in the legislation.

Rodent Control

During the year two treatments were again completed on each set of sewers in the district.

This work was done on a contract basis and carried out by the private firm of Rentokil Laboratories Ltd., the results achieved were most satisfactory.

So far as surface infestations were concerned the Council agreed to accept the offer of Rentokil Laboratories for a year's contract. The premises covered by this contract included all dwelling-houses and four treatments in respect of all premises owned by the Council, including the refuse tip, and the contract price was £360.

The service given by this firm was really excellent and all complaints received were dealt with within twenty-four hours.

The following table indicates the number of premises in the area, the number and types of infestation, and the number of premises dealt with during 1966.

TYPE OF PROPERTY

| | NON-AGRICULTURAL | | | | (5) Agri- cultural |
|---|---------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | (1) Local Authority | (2) Dwelling Houses (inc Council Houses.) | (3) All other (inc business premises) | (4) Total of Cols. 1, 2 & 3. | |
| 1. Number of properties in Local Authority's area... .. | 12 | 10,098 | 240 | 10,350 | 33 |
| 2. Number of properties inspected as a result of:- | | | | | |
| (a) Notification.. | 3 | 187 | 13 | 203 | - |
| (b) Survey | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Otherwise ... | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3. Total inspections (inc. re-inspections) | 10 | 301 | 30 | 341 | - |
| 4. Number of properties inspected found to be infested by:- | | | | | |
| (a) Rats. Major... | - | - | - | - | - |
| Minor... | 2 | 175 | 9 | 186 | - |
| (b) Mice. Major... | - | - | - | - | - |
| Minor... | 1 | 12 | 4 | 17 | - |
| 5. Number of infested properties treated by the Local Authority | 3 | 187 | 13 | 203 | - |

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

All the premises within the area, coming within the provisions of the legislation, have been initially inspected and registered. Since being registered all such premises have had at least two re-inspections.

No real difficulties have been encountered so far as registrations are concerned and employers now appear to be more conversant with the provisions contained in the legislation and are certainly more aware of their responsibilities in respect thereof. Several of this year's registrations have been re-registrations of existing registered premises, this being necessary because of change of ownership or type of business, the general details being the same with only slight alterations to the premises having been carried out.

It is not yet possible to judge to what extent the Selective Employment Tax has had on persons employed in the various establishments in the area, but several examples have come to notice, in fact, there are some instances where the Act does not now apply due to employers dispensing with the only employee, and, as a result, the premises are exempt from the provisions of the legislation.

No real inspection difficulties have been encountered, in fact, experience has shown many instances where employers were only too pleased to have the value of the inspector's advice upon certain matters, thus enabling them to appreciate more fully the extent of their new responsibilities.

When contraventions of the Act and Regulations were noted during the inspection, verbal notice was given and remedies suggested. In most instances this has been sufficient, but a policy of following the verbal notice with a written notice, drawing the attention of the employers to existing contraventions, has been adopted.

In only a few instances was any further action found to be necessary, but when it was necessary, due to non-compliance with the informal notice, and authority given by the Council to prosecute, intimation of this to the offenders had the desired effect. In none of the cases was it found necessary to take the matter to its ultimate conclusion.

It is pleasing to be able to state that almost all of the contraventions found during the initial inspections have been remedied, in fact, the few outstanding items consist of abstracts not being displayed. In a large measure this happy situation principally due to the willing co-operation of the various owners and employers with whom we have dealt.

Only one accident has been reported during the year. Upon investigation it was found to be of a minor nature and wholly due to the operator's negligence when using an electric bacon slicing machine.

Generally speaking, the provisions of the Act have been reasonably easy to administer, however, there is still some misunderstanding and confusion on the question of lighting standards, and the arrival of the promised regulations in respect thereof would do much to alleviate this situation.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

| CLASS OF PREMISES (1) | Number of Premises registered during the year (2) | Number of registered premises at end of year (3) | Number of regis- tered premises receiving a general inspection during the year (4) |
|---|--|---|---|
| Offices | - | 36 | 35 |
| Retail Shops | 9 | 204 | 213 |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.. | - | - | - |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Fuel storage depots | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 9 | 241 | 249 |

(B) PERSONS EMPLOYED THEREIN

| CLASS OF WORKPLACE | NO. OF PERSONS EMPLOYED |
|---|----------------------------|
| Offices | 98 |
| Retail Shops | 544 |
| Wholesale departments, warehouses | - |
| Catering establishments open to the public ... | 1 |
| Canteens | - |
| Fuel Storage Depots ... | - |
| TOTAL | 643 |
| |) MALE 210 |
| |) |
| |) FEMALE 433 |

(C) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

| Contraventions in respect of: | Found | Remedied. | | Found | Remedied. |
|---|-------|-----------|---|-------|-----------|
| Sec. 4 Cleanliness | - | - | Sec. 15 Eating facilities | - | - |
| Sec. 5 Overcrowding | 1 | 1 | Sec. 16 Floors, passages, stairs | 7 | 7 |
| Sec. 6 Temperature | 58 | 56 | Sec. 17 Fencing of exposed parts of machinery | 4 | 3 |
| Sec. 7 Ventilation | - | - | Sec. 18 Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery | - | - |
| Sec. 8 Lighting | - | - | Sec. 19 Training of persons working at dangerous machinery | - | - |
| Sec. 9 Sanitary Conveniences | 3 | 3 | Sec. 23 Prohibition of heavy work | - | - |
| Sec. 10 Washing Facilities | 12 | 12 | Sec. 24 First Aid - General provisions | 7 | 7 |
| Sec. 11 Supply of drinking water | - | - | Sec. 50 Provision of Abstracts | 62 | 56 |
| Sec. 12 Accommodation for clothing | 2 | 2 | | | |
| Sec. 13 Seats for non-sedentary workers | 2 | 2 | | | |
| Sec. 14 Seats for sedentary workers | - | - | | | |
| | | | TOTAL ... | 158 | 149 |

(D) EXEMPTIONS

1. Number of applications for exemptions received ...Nil
2. Number granted Nil. SpaceNil
 - TemperatureNil
 - San. ConveniencesNil
 - Running WaterNil

(E) PROSECUTIONS

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the year.

| Section of Act or title of order or regulations (1) | Number of persons or companies prosecuted (2) | Number of informations laid (3) | Number of informations leading to a conviction (4) |
|---|---|--|--|
| | Nil | Nil | Nil |

Number of complaints (or summary applications) made under sec. 22Nil

Number of interim orders grantedNil

(F) INSPECTORS

1. Number of inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act 1
2. Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act Nil

(G) REPORTED ACCIDENTS

| WORKPLACE | Number Reported | | Total Number Investigated. | ACTION RECOMMENDED | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| | Fatal | Non-Fatal | | Prosecution | Formal Warning | Informal Advice | No Action |
| Offices | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Retail Shops | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Wholesale shops, Warehouses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fuel storage Depots | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |

Observations on common causation and injuries generally of reported accidents:-

NIL.

| Parish | CLEARANCE ORDERS | | No. of Hous- es | No. of FAMIL- ies | No. of Persons | Con- firmed | |
|----------|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | No. | Name | | | | | Description |
| Ford | 39 | Stewart Terrace. | 1-4 | 4 | 6 | 15 | Yes |
| " | 40 | Hastings Square | 1-6 | 6 | 6 | 16 | Yes |
| " | 41 | Union Street. | 1-5 | 5 | 8 | 25 | Yes |
| " | 41a | Union Street. | 7-10 | 5 | 4 | 11 | Yes |
| " | 42 | Frederick St. & Church St. | 1-5 & 18-20 | 7 | 11 | 30 | Yes |
| " | 43 | Albion Street.. | 25-27 & 34-40 | 10 | 13 | 29 | Yes |
| Ryhope | 44 | Gibson Terr. & Taylor St. | 1-18 & 1-16 | 34 | 34 | 95 | Yes |
| " | 45 | Oxclose. | 1-5 | 5 | 5 | 13 | Yes |
| " | 46 | Ryhope Street South & Davison's Yard. | 91-93 & 1-6 | 9 | 12 | 28 | Yes |
| " | 47 | South View | 1-16 | 16 | 23 | 60 | Yes |
| " | 48 | Hollicarr Terrace. | 1-25 | 25 | 28 | 77 | Yes |
| " | 49 | Cliff Road. | 6-9 & 1-3 Bk. | 8 | 10 | 31 | Yes |
| " | 49a | Cliff Road. | 10-12 & 1 & 2 Davison's Cotts. | 5 | 7 | 23 | Yes |
| " | 50 | Dene Terrace | 1-10 | 10 | 16 | 47 | Yes |
| Tunstall | 51 | Tempest Street. | 3-23 | 21 | 20 | 54 | Yes |
| " | 52 | Vane Street. | 2-23 | 22 | 21 | 71 | Yes |
| " | 53 | John Street. | 6-22 | 17 | 19 | 67 | Yes |
| " | 54 | William Street. | 1-41 | 43 | 43 | 112 | Yes |
| " | 55 | Tunstall Street. | 1-9 | 9 | 15 | 46 | Yes |
| " | 56 | Lucas Street. | 1-16 | 8 | 21 | 67 | Yes |
| Ryhope | 57 | Alice Street. Compulsory Purchase order. | 1-36 | 36 | 69 | 187 | Yes |
| Tunstall | 58 | Frances St. & Cornelia St. | 3-40 & 24-42 | 57 | 57 | 126 | Yes |
| " | 59 | Stewart Street. | 1-57 & 59, 61, 63 | 59 | 54 | 184 | Yes |
| | TOTALS | | | 421 | 502 | 1414 | |

Housing

Progress has again been made during the year in the task of dealing with unfit houses in the district. One Compulsory Purchase Order was made by the Council, comprising 59 houses and 54 families. In addition, 104 houses were dealt with as individual unfit houses.

A total of 150 visits were made in respect of slum clearance work in the period under review.

The following list is again reproduced showing in statistical form the areas dealt with from the 1st September, 1955 to the 31st December, 1966.

HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR: -

| | | With State Assistance. | Unaided. | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|----------|-------|
| (a) By Local Authority | 131 | - |) | 319 |
| (b) By other bodies or Persons | - | 188 |) | |

**(A) REPAIR - HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.
SECTIONS 9, 10 and 16 HOUSING ACT, 1957.****1. Number of notices served:**

Nil - Informal. Nil - Formal.

**2. Number of houses rendered fit after services
notices:-**

(a) by owner Nil

(b) by local authority Nil

Public Health Acts (and similar local Acts)**3. Number of notices served:**

660 - Informal. 41 - Formal

**4. Number of houses repaired after service of
notices:-**

(a) by owners 651

(b) by local authority Nil

(B) BEYOND REPAIR - HOUSING ACT, 1957.

1. Number of undertakings accepted (section 16).. -

2. Number of closing orders made (section 17).... -

3. Number of demolition orders made (section 17). 3

4. Number of houses demolished following
demolition orders 42

| | |
|---|---|
| 5. Number of closing orders (section 18) | 1 |
| 6. Number of closing orders determined (section) | 1 |

(C) CLEARANCE AREAS.

(1) Represented during the Year.

| | |
|---|-----|
| 1. Number of areas | 2 |
| 2. Houses unfit for human habitation | 41 |
| 3. Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. | Nil |
| 4. Houses on land acquired under section 43(2).. | 18 |
| 5. Numbers to be displaced (a) individuals | 184 |
| (b) families | 54 |

(2) Action taken during the year.

| | |
|---|----|
| 1. Houses demolished by local authorities or owners:- | |
| (a) Unfit | 42 |
| (b) Others | - |
| 2. Numbers displaced:- | |
| (a) Individuals | 94 |
| (b) Families | 30 |

(D) IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

(1) Standard Grants

1. Number of applications:-

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (a) Owner/occupiers - 2. | Approved - 2. Refused - Nil. |
| (b) Tenanted houses - | Approved - Refused - |

2. Number of dwellings improved:-

(a) Owner/occupiers - 2. (b) Tenanted - Nil.

3. Amount paid in grants - £170. 0s. 0d.

4. Average grant per house - £85. 0s. 0d.

5. Amenities provided:-

| | |
|--|---|
| (a) Fixed bath | 2 |
| (b) Shower | - |
| (c) Wash-hand-basin | 2 |
| (d) Hot water supply (to any fittings) | 2 |
| (e) Water-closet (1) within the dwelling | 2 |
| (2) accessible from the dwellings | - |
| (f) Food store | 2 |

(2) Discretionary Grants.

1. Number of applications approved 23

2. Number of applications refused -

3. Amount paid in grants £4,826

4. Number of dwellings improved:-

(a) Owner/occupier 15

(b) Tenanted 1

(E) IMPROVEMENT AREAS - HOUSING ACT 1964

1. Number of areas:-

(a) Surveyed Nil

(b) Declared Nil

2. Number of houses to be improved:-

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) full standard | Nil |
| (b) reduced standard | Nil |

3. Number of preliminary notices served Nil

4. Number of undertakings accepted Nil

5. Number of immediate improvement notices served Nil

6. Number of suspended improvement notices served Nil

7. Number of final improvement notices served ... Nil

8. Number of dwellings improved:-

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) full standard | Nil |
| (b) reduced standard | Nil |

9. Number of dwellings improved by local authority in default:-

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) full standard | Nil |
| (b) reduced standard | Nil |

(1) Dwellings in Tenement Blocks

1. Number of dwellings referred to in preliminary notices for improvement to:-

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) full standard | Nil |
| (b) reduced standard | Nil |

2. Number of undertakings accepted Nil

3. Number of immediate improvement notices served Nil

4. Number of dwellings in tenement blocks improved:-

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) full standard | Nil |
| (b) reduced standard | Nil |

5. Number of dwellings improved by local authority
in default:-

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| (a) full standard | Nil |
| (b) reduced standard | Nil |

(2) Dwellings outside improvement areas

| | |
|---|-----|
| 1. Number of representations made by tenants | Nil |
| 2. Number of preliminary notices served | Nil |
| 3. Number of undertakings accepted | Nil |
| 4. Number of immediate improvement notices served | Nil |
| 5. Number of such dwellings improved:- | |
| (a) full standard | Nil |
| (b) reduced standard | Nil |

(F) RENT ACT, 1957

Application for Certificate of Disrepair

| | |
|---|-----|
| 1. Number of applications | Nil |
| 2. Number of decisions not to issue certificates. | Nil |
| 3. Number of certificates issued | Nil |
| 4. Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule | Nil |
| 5. Number of undertakings refused by local authority | Nil |

Applications for Cancellations of Certificates

- | | |
|--|-----|
| 6. Applications by landlords to local authorities for cancellation of certificates | Nil |
| 7. Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates | Nil |
| 8. Certificates cancelled by local authority ... | Nil |

(G) HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

- | | |
|---|----------|
| 1. Total number of houses in multiple occupation | Nil |
| 2. Is this figure based on | ESTIMATE |
| 3. Number of houses in multiple occupations estimated to need attention under Housing Act, 1961 ... | Nil |
| 4. Number of houses in respect of which notices of intention have been served for:- | |
| (a) management orders (section 12) | Nil |
| (b) directions on overcrowding (section 19) | Nil |
| 5. Number of houses in respect of which the following have been made:- | |
| (a) management orders | Nil |
| (b) directions on overcrowding | Nil |
| 6. Number of notices served to make good neglect of proper standards of management (section 14) | Nil |
| 7. Number of notices served to require additional services of facilities (section 15) | Nil |
| 8. Number of houses where work has been carried out in default | Nil |

9. Number of prosecutions since passing of
Housing Act, 1961 re:-

| | |
|---|-----|
| (a) Management | Nil |
| (b) Directions | Nil |
| (c) Overcrowding (section 90, Housing Act, 1957) | Nil |
| 10. Number of control orders ma | |
| 10. Number of control orders made (Housing Act, 1964) | Nil |
| 11. Number of control orders terminated | Nil |
| 12. Details regarding occupations - (all houses in multiple occupation). | |

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Number of separate occupancies in house | Number of Houses |
|--|------------------|

Nil

Nil

Landlords Tenant Act, Houses without Rent

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Books | Nil |
|-------------|-----|

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Proceedings taken | Nil |
|-------------------------|-----|

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The inspection and supervision of food intended for human consumption has again received the keen attention of the department during the year.

The complete range of food inspection was covered including the inspection of meat both home-killed and imported: inspection of all doubtful canned foods offered for sale, the supervision of premises used for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream and the inspection of all premises upon which food is manufactured or stored for the purpose of sale.

(a) Milk Supply

All milk dealers licences are now granted by the County Council. However, the local authority is still responsible for seeing that milk is distributed in a hygienic manner.

During the year, 334 milk samples were taken within the district by the County Health Inspector and submitted for examination. I am again indebted to him for forwarding copies of the results to me. Of the samples taken four failed to satisfy the appropriate test.

(b) Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1959 and 1963.

There is only one manufacturer of ice-cream within the district and there are 46 other premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, as being satisfactory for the storage and sale only.

During the year, 52 samples of ice-cream were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination. The results of the samples were as follows:-

| No. of samples | Grade |
|----------------|-------|
| 49 | 1 |
| - | 2 |
| 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 4 |

(c) Precautions against the Contamination of Food

The inspection of premises upon which food is manufactured, stored or sold for human consumption have been inspected during the year. A total of 597 visits have been made for this purpose.

There are 126 food premises within the Council's area, classified as follows:-

| | |
|--|-------|
| Butchers | 15 |
| Bakers | 5 |
| Wet and Fried Fish Shops | 10 |
| Confectioners | 11 |
| Grocers | 32 |
| Greengrocers | 15 |
| General Dealers | 29 |
| Canteens (Industrial and Schools) | 9 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 126 |
| | <hr/> |

(d) Unsound Food

During the year three complaints were received involving foreign matter in food, as follows:-

1. A piece of glass in bottle of milk.
2. Dirty loaf of bread (wrapped).
3. Mould on cakes.

Each offence was reported to the Health Committee, who, after considering the circumstances, resolved that warning letter be sent to the offenders. Assurances were received from the responsible persons that all possible steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence.

Licensed Premises

There are 21 public houses and 12 workmen's clubs and other similar premises within the district. The premises are visited regularly in order to ensure that a high standard of hygiene is carried out by the persons employed therein.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

There is only one licensed private slaughterhouse within the Council's area where slaughtering is carried out. Every effort is made to ensure that the Hygiene Regulations of the Slaughterhouses Act are observed during the slaughtering periods.

INSPECTION OF MEAT

The usual inspection of all carcasses was again maintained during the year on the principle that the essence of an efficient meat inspection service, in the matter of ensuring a safe meat supply to the consumer, is that it should be regular and carried out as a matter of routine.

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, now makes this obligatory, and all carcasses slaughtered during the year have been examined in the manner prescribed therein.

All carcasses were specifically examined in order to detect the presence of "Cysticercus Bovis". No evidence of this disease was found in any of the carcasses examined.

The total number of animals slaughtered and inspected during 1966 was 2,505. A total of 209 visits were made to the slaughterhouse for inspection purposes.

| MONTH | Cattle Exclu- ding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs | Totals |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|--------|
| January.. .. | 26 | - | - | 51 | 79 | 156 |
| February .. | 43 | - | - | 145 | 105 | 293 |
| March) | 90 | - | - | 294 | 107 | 491 |
| April) | 36 | - | - | 60 | 35 | 131 |
| May | 40 | - | - | 113 | 28 | 181 |
| June | 34 | - | - | 120 | 25 | 179 |
| July | 64 | - | - | 280 | 16 | 360 |
| August) | 28 | - | - | 115 | 17 | 160 |
| September ..) | 30 | - | - | 115 | 54 | 199 |
| October.. .. | 41 | 3 | - | 135 | 176 | 355 |
| November. .. | | | | | | |
| December. .. | | | | | | |
| TOTALS .. | 432 | 3 | - | 1,428 | 642 | 2,505 |

The number of animals slaughtered and inspected during the year 1966 is shown herewith:-

| | Cattle Exclu- ding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs |
|--|----------------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| Number killed if known | 432 | 3 | - | 1,428 | 642 |
| Number inspected .. | 432 | 3 | - | 1,428 | 642 |
| ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condem- ned | - | - | - | - | 5 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 135 | - | - | 14 | 35 |
| Percentage of the num- ber affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis. .. | 31.2% | - | - | .98% | 6.2% |
| TUBERCULOSIS | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condem- ned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 1 | - | - | - | 10 |
| Percentage of the num- ber inspected affected with Tuberculosis .. | .02% | - | - | - | 1.5% |

The amount of meat and offals condemned and destroyed, all of which was surrendered voluntarily, is shown as follows:-

Tuberculosis

Bovine Head and Tongue 32 lbs.
Pigs Heads and Tongues 140 lbs.

Other Diseases

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 1 Pig Carcase and Offal | (Multiple Abscesses)... | 70 lbs. |
| 3 -do- | (General Fever)..... | 443 " |
| 1 -do- | (Emaciation)..... | 40 " |
| 1 Hindquarter Pork | (Abscesses)..... | 42 " |
| Bovine Livers | (Cirrhosis)..... | 1375 " |
| " Half-Livers | (Flukes)..... | 452 " |
| " Livers | (Abscesses)..... | 96 " |
| " Set of Lungs | (Pleurisy)..... | 10 " |
| " Heads & Tongues | (Abscesses)..... | 24 " |
| " Livers | (Hepatitis)..... | 24 " |
| " Heads & Tongues | (Actinobacillosis).... | 64 " |
| " Liver | (Telangiectasis)..... | 12 " |
| " Hearts | (Pericarditis)..... | 10 " |
| Pig Livers | (Cirrhosis)..... | 9 " |
| -do- | (Abscesses)..... | 8 " |
| -do- | (Parasites)..... | 96 " |
| -do- | (Hepatitis)..... | 12 " |
| Pig Set of Lungs | (Pleurisy)..... | 8 " |
| Pig Hearts | (Pericarditis)..... | 3 " |
| Sheep Livers | (Cirrhosis)..... | 11 " |
| -do- | (Parasites)..... | 48 " |
| -do- | (Abscesses)..... | 8 " |

Total weight of home-killed meat and offals condemned on account of Tuberculosis and Other Diseased or Unsound Conditions:-

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Pork | 595 lbs. | Pork Offals | 276 lbs. |
| Beef | - | Beef Offals | 2067 " |
| Mutton | - | Mutton Offals | 67 " |
| | <u>595 lbs.</u> | | <u>2410 lbs.</u> |

Total 3,005 lbs.

Inspection of Other Foods

The following foodstuffs, on inspection, were found to be unfit for human consumption and were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed:-

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| 29 tins | Cooked Ham | 37 tins | Corned Beef |
| 6 " | Luncheon Meat | 21 " | Chopped Pork |
| 10 " | Pork Shoulder | 12 " | Chicken |
| 3 " | Minced Steak | 13 " | Tongue |
| 11 " | Irish Stew | 2 " | Turkey |
| 2 " | Pork Sausages | 1 " | Steak Pudding |
| 1 " | Hot Dogs | 5 " | Jellied Veal |
| 12 " | Baked Beans | 2 " | Spaghetti |
| 5 " | Salmon | 1 " | Baked Beans & |
| 4 " | Vegetable Soup | | Baconburgers |
| 1 " | Mushroom Soup | 2 " | Macaroni |
| 1 " | Pease Pudding | 1 " | Tomato Soup |
| 58 " | Tomatoes | 1 " | Shrimps |
| 3 " | Carrots | 18 " | Peas |
| 45 " | Evaporated Milk | 3 " | Butter Beans |
| 24 " | Rice | 19 " | Cream |
| 2 " | Tapioca | 2 " | Sago |
| 19 " | Peaches | 3 " | Semolina |
| 13 " | Pears | 3 " | Pineapple |
| 4 " | Oranges | 7 " | Fruit Cocktail |
| 8 " | Raspberries | 13 " | Grapefruit |
| 5 " | Apricots | 4 " | Strawberries |
| 5 " | Bilberries | 6 " | Rhubarb |
| 2 " | Plums | 1 " | Prunes |

Offensive Trades

The only offensive trade carried out in the area is that of tripe boiling.

During the year 9 visits were made to the premises concerned.

